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Dear Miss Kate.

This moment I received your dear letter. I shall start Monday  
 next on the Pennsylvania limited - 9.45 A.M. for Chicago and from there direct to Pawhuska.  
 I saw the President and he asked me whether I would propose a name of a good man for  
 Indian agent at Pawhuska and I told him "no", that we all had full confidence in his good  
 judgment and had no recommendations to make; only he should give the Osages an honest prud-  
 ent agent, who is in sympathy with them. I handed to the President my written recommendations  
 in regard of the wishes of the Osage Indians (to get cath. schools) and he told me that "justice"  
 shall be done. - The Com. of Ind. Affairs will give me a letter to Capt. Potter, the present  
 Agent and direct him that I have full power to act and he to assist me. -  
 Mr. Gorman & Dr. Hetcham, chief clerk, will watch every corner for me during my absence  
 and Mr. Lusk has to report to them every day my office news and they will instruct Lusk, what  
 to do. - I saw also Senators Dawes & Sabine and delivered my letter about the school-  
 land titles to the Senators. As they were engaged in a debate, they had only limited time  
 to talk to me, but gave me an invitation to lunch with them to-day at one O'Clock in the  
 Senate restaurant, where we will give the subject full consideration. I have no doubt that  
 I will be successful. You say in your kind feelings for which I am exceedingly thankful,  
 that I should take good care of my health! but remember: - a sick man hastens out of his  
 bed when his house is on fire, he does not wait one minute, he jumps up and starts out  
 in lightning speed. Our Osage Lords-house is on hell fire, the Methodists have

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the burning torch in hand to destroy the truth and I have to hasten to pour such a strong and cold stream of facts on it to destroy this effect and reverse the case.

Please send me the bills & Rev. Jut's estimate I transmitted to you, in care of N<sup>o</sup> 411 La Salle Street Chicago or if being address to the Sun building here. All your letters which you entrust in care of N<sup>o</sup> 411 Chicago will be promptly delivered to me or locked up in Lloyd's & Bohlen's safe until my arrival. -

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 12 Indian children, 3 girls & 9 boys were baptized in our Harbor Spring Indian School. -

About the California land I will give a full account to Mr. Callahan when I return from the Indian Territory as I am unable to do so <sup>now</sup> on account of over-work.

I went to bed this morning at 2 and was up at 6 again. The whole work rests on my shoulders alone. In my opinion it is best you hold the California land a while yet as the price will advance. I shall write to Mr. Jones, as he is stationed within 30 miles of the land. -

What is plan & specification for St. Joseph's? I am anxiously waiting for it. -

By my recommendation a Catholic Capuchin girl was appointed teacher in the Ind. Government school at Umatilla, but had to pay her traveling expenses there. Shall I charge it to your account? I hope the little bird arrived safe at N<sup>o</sup> 1503 in his new home.

I shall let the Chicago parties figure on St. Joseph's estimate until my return from Pawnee. Bishop Marty wants me by all means to visit him at Yankton. He suffers severely.

I made an application for 20 boarders for the North-Yakima school and wrote another letter to Bishop George to hurry him up about Yakima. Time calls me to stop writing more. God bless you and your whole house. That is the constant prayer of Yours in the Lord, J. A. Stephan.